



Loving one another, building each other up

Littledean C of E Primary School Newsletter 2

13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

School Photographs – Wednesday 18th September 2024

On Wednesday the Photographer will be in school to take family group and individual photographs of the children. Please ensure that school uniform is worn.

Holly Berries Class can bring their PE kit to change into.
Thank you



Young Voices



Yesterday we sent an email regarding a link to the Young Voices Music Room and shop to order tickets and merchandise. If you have not receive the link please contact the school office. More information to follow regarding the coach and timings for the concern in Birmingham on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

After School Clubs

Our After School Clubs will start next week Monday 16th September. If your child is taking part in a club please check to see that you have received an email.



Absences from School

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Children should attend school every day they are well enough to do so. Should you decide that your child will not attend school please remember to contact the school office on 01594 822171, before 9.15 a.m. An answerphone is available. We ask that you give a reason for your child being absent. Our safeguarding procedures will be followed if we do not know why your child is absent from school.

Holidays in Term Time

Please remember that the Governments guidance remains very clear that we cannot authorise holiday requests in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. A Request for Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website at the following link or from the school office:

https://littledean.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/169684

You may be issued with a penalty notice for taking your child out of school during term time. Please note that a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £80 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

Lateness

A reminder that school starts at 8.40 a.m. Gates are locked at 8.45 a.m. If children arrive after this they must report to the main reception doors for entry into school.

School ends at 3.10 p.m. or 4.10 p.m. when attending after school clubs. If you are going to be late or if someone different is due to collect your child please let us know. Thank you.

Emergency Contact details

If you or your emergency contacts have changed your telephone numbers, moved house etc please let the school office know the new details. Thank you.

Thank you



We would like to say a huge thank you to Naomi Haggett at Morrisons in Ross for donating all of these new resources for our DT lessons. We can't wait to get cooking and put them to good use!

This term Chestnut class are learning...

English - We have already read our new text 'Stone Age Boy' and have begun thinking about writing our first text type - a diary entry in role as one of the characters. We will then move on to writing an information text based on the book.

History - Our topic for this term is 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or Bronze Age?' This builds on our local area study which the Y4s did last year looking at this area of history in the Forest of Dean.

Art - We will be applying our history knowledge in art to create prehistoric paintings.

Science - In science we have started looking at digestion and food both in humans and other animals. This topic looks at the digestive system, teeth and food chains.

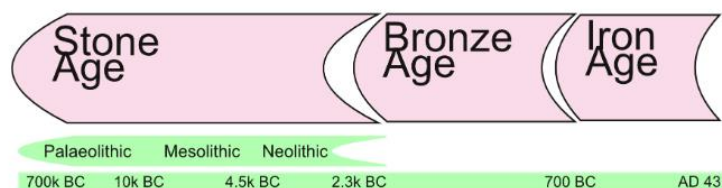
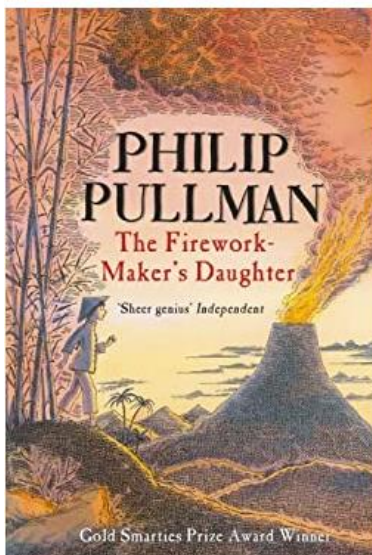
Computing - We will be editing audio media to create our own podcasts.

French - We will be learning different ways to greet each other in French.

RE - In RE, we will be learning more about the religion of Hinduism focusing on what Hindus believe God is like.

PSHCE - Our topic is 'Me and my Relationships' where we will look at people who are special to us, friendships and how to resolve conflict.

Our focus author this term is Philip Pullman and we have begun reading the book 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.



Maple Class - Blue Peter Badge

Last academic year, Maple Class loved reading. They especially enjoyed listening to our class reader books at the end of the day. We read a range of books - funny, sad, historical and mysterious. All children in the class began to enjoy books more and many began reading for pleasure more regularly. As a class, we decided to apply for Blue Peter reading badges. The children had to complete an application form stating books they had enjoyed with a brief synopsis. During the summer holidays, many of the children were pleased to receive their badges.



What are we reading in Holly Berries Class

This term Holly Berries Class are reading Julia Donaldson books.

Julia Donaldson is best known for her popular rhyming stories for children, especially those illustrated by Axel Scheffler, which include *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *Stick Man*. She originally wrote songs for children's television but has concentrated on writing books since the words of one of her songs, "A Squash and a Squeeze", were made into a children's book in 1993.



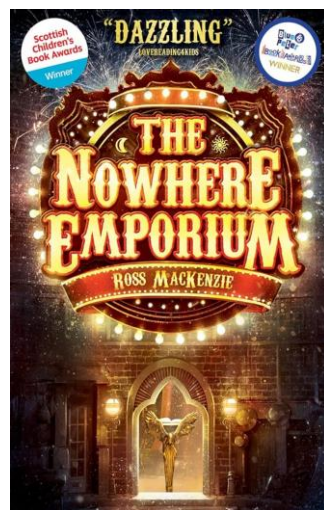
Fencing Taster Session

Yesterday the whole school took part in a fencing taster session. Please see separate email from The PE and Sports Project about joining an after school club



Maple Class, Class Reader

Maple Class started their new class reader this week, *The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross MacKenzie.



News from Holly Leaves Class

Holly Leaves have had a lovely start to the year, it has been wonderful to watch the children explore their new classroom and resources. This week we have been reading the story "Colour Monster goes to school" and completed lots of activities to explore the story and our own feelings.



We have also had great fun with water and workshop play, forest schools and caring for our pumpkins.



Green Flag Eco Award

I am excited to share that our children and teachers have successfully worked towards the Green Flag Eco Award over the last year. I am proud to announce that we have been awarded the highest accolade – the Eco Award with a Distinction!

This achievement reflects our commitment to promoting sustainability and environmental awareness. To help continue our eco-friendly efforts at home, here are a few simple suggestions:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Encourage your child to minimise waste by using both sides of paper or repurposing items.

Waste-Free Lunches: Pack lunches in reusable containers rather than single-use plastic.

Gardening Together: Start a small garden to learn about growing food and caring for the environment.

Nature Walks: Explore local parks to nurture a love for nature.

Talk About It: Discuss environmental issues and the impact of our actions.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our community more eco-conscious. If you have any questions or would like to get involved further, please reach out.

Mrs Richards



ParentPay

At the start of this term we had a few issues with our online payment system www.parentpay.com, we believe that they are now mostly sorted.

Earlier this week we reissued activation letters for children in Pre-School, Reception and Year 3. We ask that you set up your online account as soon as possible.

If you have any issues or concerns please contact the school office. Thank you.

Term Dates

These are also available on our website

2024 / 2025 –

Term 1	Monday 2 nd September 2024 – Friday 25 th October 2024
Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024 – Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025 – Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025 – Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	Monday 28 th April 2025 – Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	Monday 2 nd June 2025 – Monday 21 st July 2025

INSET Day	3	20 th December 2024
INSET Day	4	11 th April 2025
INSET Day	5	21 st July 2025

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 th September	Friends Meeting at Littledean Guest House at 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 18 th September	Individual and family group photographs
Tuesday 1 st October	Maple Class visit to Robinswood Hill
Thursday 3 rd October	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Monday 4 th November	Flu Immunisation – Packed lunches required
Wednesday 6 th November	Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Reception